

## **Bay County Extension Council**

**Minutes**  
**March 15, 2006**

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**Date:** March 15, 2006

**Time:** 5:15 p.m.

**Place:** MSU Extension Bay County, Third Floor, Large Conference Room

### **Members Present:**

Philip Engelhardt

Joyce Gavord

Kari Gulvas

George Heron

Robert Kernstock

Lyle LeCronier

Chris Wazny

Barb Wishowski

### **Members Excused:**

Patrick Beson

Marybeth Laisure

Michelle Lesniak

Delicia Newman

Elaine Sobieray

Douglas Rise

Ray VanDreissche

### **Others Present:**

Duane Scheuerlein

Jerry Somalski

Ann Arnold, FCS Extension Educator

Judy Delestowicz, Administrative Assistant

Brian Dick, Technology Coordinator

Margaret Ervin, Program Associate

Kari Holsworth, Program Associate

Margaret LaShore, FSNP Regional

Linda Leahy, Parent Connect

Karen Parker, Program Associate

Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator

Howard Wetters, County Extension Director

## **INFORMATION PRESENTED AND DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS**

The Extension Council met at 5:27 p.m. After a light evening meal, Howard Wetters, County Extension Director, addressed Council to ask that the regular business meeting be waived so the issues identification process started on February 15, 2006, could be completed tonight.

Mr. Wetters welcomed and thanked all who participated in last month's group discussion. He presented an agenda for Session 2 and a handout, "Issues by Topic Area," with the issues identified by Extension Council and guests breakout groups from the February 15 meeting to begin tonight discussion. Mr. Wetters reviewed the four program areas discussed in Session 1 to those present: economy and communities, natural resources and youth, land use and agriculture, and youth and families. New breakout groups were formed by programs areas this time, to better develop and define topics identified in Session 1.

After breakout session discussions completed, Extension Council, guests, and staff came back together as a group to review, discuss, choose, and prioritize local issues identified.

The issues prioritized at Session 2 would be compiled and sent out to campus and will be made available to Extension Council for discussion on how to help the MSU Extension Bay County office implement into educational programming to meet local needs. Mr. Wetters wrapped up the evening by sharing how campus collects data, interprets results submitted by all the counties, and general time lines for completion. Mr. Wetters thanked all Council members and guests for their participation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

### **ACTION TAKEN**

- Six goals were identified for MSU Extension: develop educational programs on adult community leadership; value-added enterprises to increase farm profitability; water quality, pollution, and environmental awareness; address healthy lifestyles, activities, and good diet choices for youth and adults. Increase the understanding and knowledge of MSU Extension programs through marketing; gain more presence/leadership with area youth groups.
- It was moved, supported, and carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

### **WHAT'S NEXT AND FOLLOW UP**

- Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension educator position
- Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition, August 2006

**Extension Council's remaining 2006 meeting dates are:**

**-May 17      - August (Fair week/TBA)      - September 20      - November 15**

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